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pH 6.8; and washing in 1X SSC at 55°C for 30 minutes; and wherein the nucleotide sequence encodes a polypeptide that binds and stimulates at least one receptor selected from the group consisting of human VEGFR-2 and VEGFR-3.

**REMARKS**

Claim 74 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

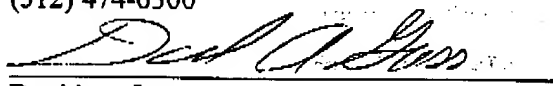
Although numerous claims have been added, claims 75-78 are representative because the claims are largely repetitive. New dependent claims have been added to recite a preferred genus of VEGF-C polynucleotides for use according to the invention. These claims find support in the paragraph bridging pages 5-6, and the last paragraph of page 7, for example. New dependent claims also have been added that are analogous to claims 73-74. No new independent claims have been introduced.

The Patent Office may charge any fees associated with this amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

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